

MDR Tracking Number: M4-03-5281-01

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 4-7-03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT code 64415.

II. FINDINGS & RATIONALE

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
1-9-03	64415-59 (8)	\$560.00	\$0.00	F, G	\$152.00	Nerve Block Anesthesia GR (I)(B)(1)	<p>Requestor stated "Please reconsider CPT 64415 for payment. This was a distinctly separate procedure from the primary procedure where our doctor used a nerve block for post-operative pain management. I have included the operative and anesthesia reports for your consideration. I have also included a copy of page 179 for the 1996 TWCC Medical Fee Guideline book which shows that this procedure has an allowed amount of \$152."</p> <p>The respondent contends that "the service is part of the anesthesia care reimbursed under the 'Basic Value' and 'Time Units' is the fact the service in dispute was rendered during the time the requester was also billed 'Time Units' for code 00450."</p> <p>The requestor provided service during the time the requestor was reimbursed for anesthesia service. Requestor did not support position that it was not global to anesthesia service per Anesthesia GR (I)(B)(1), no reimbursement is recommended.</p>

III. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement for CPT code (64415).

The above Findings and Decision are hereby issued this 28th day of January 2005.

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